

CITY PLANNING

TITLE

Mobility Element Update

PURPOSE

The Mobility Element (previously Circulation Element) will analyze all the available transportation options today in order to identify a comprehensive network that will serve the community in the future.

BACKGROUND

The last update to the Mobility Element occurred in 1989. Since then, Encinitas has grown to a population of nearly 65,000. The City must continue to expand transportation options in Encinitas.

TIMELINE

Spring 2021: Strategic visioning/outreach

Winter 2021: Draft goals and policies and seeks feedback on the

draft element

Spring 2022: Environmental review, prepare updated element/outreach

Winter 2022: Final element to City Planning Commission and City

Council

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OVERVIEW

The Mobility Element will analyze all the available transportation options today in order to identify a comprehensive network that will serve the community in the future. The Mobility Element identifies:

- A safe, efficient, and adequate circulation system that responds to the transportation and infrastructure needs of all modes and users, including drivers, cyclists, pedestrians, transit users, and rail users.
- The location of existing and future transportation needs within the City.
- Goals and policies for how people will travel throughout the community in the next 30 years.
- Strategies to reduce vehicle speed, increase driver attention, and protect vulnerable users on local streets, and to reduce overall vehicle miles traveled and urban sprawl

Thanks to years of thoughtful planning, the City has already invested in transportation improvements needed to make it easier to travel within the community, whether by car or truck, on a bike or on foot. Over time, transportation needs within the community are changing, and there are now more transportation options within the community. The City must continue to expand transportation options in Encinitas to keep pace with planned growth in the future. As part of the update, the City is looking forward to consolidating progressive policies in its various strategic, community and neighborhood plans, several of which are laid out in the City's Climate Action Plan (CAP), into one cohesive citywide framework. The City also recently completed several multimodal transportation plans, collectively known as the Coastal Mobility and Livability Study (CMLS), which included the Rail Corridor Vision Study (RCVS) and the Active Transportation Plan (ATP), both of which have led to implementation plans currently in process.